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NOTICE.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that four weeks after date hereof I will apply to Hon. J. T. Williams, Judge of the Circuit Court, in and for Putnam County, Florida, to authorize and legalize my adoption of Willie Easter Burns, a minor, residing in Putnam County. This April 4th, A. D. 1907.
M. T. COX, Petitioner's Attorney.

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GOVERNOR BROWARD'S MESSAGE TO FLORIDA SOLONS.

Executive Office, Tallahassee, Fla.,
April 2, 1907.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

As directed by the Constitution, I herewith submit for your consideration the following information concerning the condition of the State, and my recommendations in regard to such measures as I deem expedient and proper to call to your attention and consideration at this time.

The various departments of the State Government and the Boards, Bureaus and Institutions connected therewith have submitted to you reports of the conduct and management of the various interests committed to them, setting forth the condition and progress of the various matters under their care.

Florida has had unexampled prosperity and material advancement since the last session of the Legislature, and her marvelous natural resources and adaptability for such varied pursuits and industries assure her a continuance of this material progress and prosperity. And while this condition is one which should fill us with pride and ambition for the future of the State, wise and intelligent statesmanship would dictate that it should be your special care to so guard the sources of wealth and prosperity that a reckless and prodigal use of their abundance may not destroy them.

The Comptroller's Report, submitted shows that the assessed valuation of the whole State in 1901 was \$97,551,192, and for the year 1906 was \$142,018,871, thus showing a gain for the period of five years of \$44,467,679, or 45.5 per cent.

Taxation.
Taxation should receive your earnest, careful and early attention. Do not delay the preparation and consideration of the various appropriation and revenue bills concerning this most important matter until the work of the closing days of the session will prevent its proper and careful consideration. The cardinal principle of taxation is to distribute the burden equally. Under the system as now operated taxes are collected in the various counties and remitted to the State and then sent back to the counties for purely county purposes and expenditures.

The Comptroller's Report was: Balance, \$127,863.44; direct tax, 1904, 1905, 1906, \$189,432.12; other sources \$572,491.90, making a total of \$889,787.46. There were disbursed for expenses of Legislative, Executive and Judicial Departments of the State administration in 1906, \$184,275.24, and for other purposes, \$618,977.69.

The receipts from the General Revenue tax levied for each of the years 1905 and 1906 amounted to less than \$200,000, and this goes into the General Revenue Fund; but from this fund appropriations for schools alone, amounting to \$202,500, were made for year 1905-06; and further appropriations for schools amounting to \$202,500 were made for the year 1906-07.

Thus it will be seen that while a tax levy of 1 1/2 mills is nominally made for the General Revenue Fund for each of the years 1905 and 1906, none of the receipts from such levy are used for the ordinary expenses of the State, since, in addition to paying all costs of collecting and administering all the funds above mentioned, more money is taken from the General Revenue Fund for Schools alone than goes into it from taxation.

Florida State Troops.
It is a matter for congratulation to the people of this State that the organized militia of Florida is being rapidly put upon an efficient basis. Your attention is respectfully invited to the recommendations upon these various matters contained in the annual report of the Adjutant General. I deem it of utmost importance that you should provide for the erection of a suitable State Arsenal at some central point in the State.

Franchise Tax.
I recommend the enactment of a law authorizing the levying of a tax upon franchisees. I therefore urge that a law be enacted making franchisees taxable at their real value, and taxed as other property, either together with the tangible property used in connection with the franchise or separately.

Railroad Legislation.
In discussing the question concerning the operation of railroads in this State, I do so with a full realization of the mutual obligations and dependence which exists between the railroads and the public. Unreasonable and onerous burdens should not be laid upon these corporate enterprises which have so materially and especially developed the resources of our State. I again recommend, as I did to the Legislature of 1905, that the Railroad Commission be made a "constitutional branch of the State Government."

In view of the very serious conditions brought about by the lack of physical equipment of many of the railroads in this State, and the consequent loss and damage to the business, and the loss of life and the increased danger to passenger traffic, I also deem it proper to repeat my recommendation to the Legislature of 1905 in regard to empowering the Railroad Commission to make suitable provisions for the inspection of the physical condition of the railroads in the State. I also would recommend that the railroad companies doing business in this State

be required to make a report to the Railroad Commission every six months of the number of engines and cars of the several classes and kinds, and their condition and location, and the amount of their terminal trackage and transfer facilities. The power of the Railroad Commission as to the enforcement of the rules and orders in regard to the payment of demurrage for delayed freight or supply of freight cars upon such conditions as it may prescribe, should be ample and effective, and in the recovery of fines and penalties imposed by the Railroad Commission, a law similar to the present "Stock Claim Law" should be passed allowing the recovery of twice the amount of such fine or penalty, together with attorney fees, where it is necessary to bring a suit to recover the same.

The convenience of the traveling public requires a closer observance of schedules, or at least more reliable information to the public as to the whereabouts of trains and the time of their arrival at the various stations along the route. I would recommend that a statute be passed prohibiting the railroads operating in this State from keeping any employe in continuous service for more than sixteen consecutive hours, and that no such employe, after sixteen consecutive hours of service, shall be permitted to again go on duty without having had at least ten hours off duty; except in cases of emergency, such as accidents or wrecks, or delayed schedules. And that the average number of hours daily service for station agents and operators should be limited to not more than ten hours per day. I would recommend that no person less than 15 years of age be permitted to perform the duties of train dispatcher or railroad telegraph operator upon whose messages trains are dispatched or handled. The records of the Railroad Commission show that for the 12 months ending June 30, 1906, there were killed by railroad accidents in this state fifty employes and nine passengers, and four hundred and thirty-seven employes and passengers injured. It is, therefore, your duty to throw every safeguard and protection to the public around the lives of those employed in the railroad traffic of this State, as well as the traveling public, and no reasonable precaution should be neglected which will afford this protection. You should pass such statutes as will make it mandatory upon the nearest justice of the peace, acting as coroner, to proceed immediately to where any person has been killed in any accident or train wreck, and to hold an inquest and ascertain the cause of such accident, and who is to blame therefor. I would recommend that the express companies, the telegraph and telephone lines of the State be placed under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission. I would recommend a law regulating the issue of stocks and bonds by corporations, modeled upon that of those States where it is in successful operation. I would not be understood as recommending the lessening of wages paid to any employe, but would recommend that the railroads be prohibited from paying less than the average wage paid to laborers and employes of other corporations or individuals for the same class of labor or employment.

Education.
In regard to this important subject, I can say but little. I was suggested in my message to the Legislature of 1906. Too much consideration cannot be given to the subject of our public schools and their needs, and while we should not neglect the demands of higher education in the State, we should primarily consider the needs and demands of the common schools, for it is here that the vast majority of our future citizenship must look to receive their equipment for the duties of life, and nothing should be left undone to meet this demand. Especially should the demand for earnest, qualified teachers, imbued with high ideals and devotion to their calling—second to none—receive your consideration, and every reasonable means employed to raise the professional standard and the pay of teachers, especially in the rural schools. I would suggest for your consideration State aid for the salary of teachers of certain standing and proficiency in rural schools. The success of the consolidation of country schools into rural graded schools, where it has been attempted, is very marked, and should be adopted wherever the means of transportation make it practicable. By this means the pupils in country districts have the same advantages as the pupils in the graded schools in the city, as they do the same work, follow the same class organization and pass directly from the rural graded schools into advanced grades of the city graded or high schools—a result very nearly impracticable in the one-teacher, ungraded country school. The work of the schools throughout the state should be systematized and graded as nearly as possible in regard to quality of work done and methods and studies pursued. Such a system would be of mutual benefit to teachers and pupils throughout the State. I also recommend that a conservative outline or course of study be devised and prepared for the guidance of our teachers and school officers, and as a standard for their work, by the State Superintendent, with such expert and professional assistance as you may see proper to furnish him, with a view to meeting the needs of the rural schools, as well as those more advanced in the larger towns and cities of our State. I recommend the adoption by the State of a uniform system of text books for the State, thus enabling the reports I have suggested to be made with ease and accuracy, and affording at a view

the standing of every school.

Compulsory Education.

When we consider that only 69 per cent of the children of school age are enrolled in the public schools of our State, and that the attendance is only 66 per cent of those enrolled, it may be necessarily make us pause and consider the possibility of compulsory education. The capacity of the white man's brain for development and education must not be limited by anything else than our power to provide training and opportunity.

Higher Education.

While it should be the care of the State to provide first for a system of common schools, it is, nevertheless, the duty of the State to make such provision for the maintenance and perfection of a system of higher education as the material prosperity and growth of the States shall warrant and demand. In this connection, I strongly recommend to your consideration the wisdom of providing, by constitutional amendment, if necessary, a fixed limit of minimum and maximum tax levy to be made by the properly designated State authorities after a careful investigation and examination of their needs, for the support of the higher institutions of learning of this State.

State Board of Health.

Surely there is no more important care committed to you as representatives of the people of Florida than a wise and prudent consideration of those matters which affect the health and public sanitation of the State. Since the Legislature of 1889, in special session, in its wisdom established the State Board of Health, it has amply justified the action of those who brought it into existence. In several of the larger cities of the State there have occurred more or less serious outbreaks of typhoid fever during the past year. This, I believe, is entirely unnecessary, and preventable, when proper investigations are made as to the source of infection, whether of the water or milk supply, or other local conditions, and the necessary measures taken to remove such causes when found, and to prevent their recurrence. The State Board of Health does not exercise its jurisdiction over health matters in such cases, except upon the request of the local health authorities, and it should be empowered to take charge of such conditions and to make such rules and regulations as may be most effectual in controlling and preventing such outbreaks of typhoid fever and other diseases. You cannot afford, gentlemen, to sacrifice life and endanger public health through either lack of scientific information on the subject, or through negligence or indifference to public health on the part of the local authorities.

Tuberculosis.

Statistics and recent investigations show that consumption, or pulmonary tuberculosis, prevails to an alarming extent, and claims many victims annually. Persons afflicted with consumption should be promptly reported to the proper health authorities in order that such regulations as may be necessary to prevent the spread of this disease can be enforced and its location known. This should apply not only to the "stranger within our gates," but to the people of Florida as well. In this connection I wish to call to your attention, and urge upon your favorable consideration, the offer of Dr. John E. Ennis, of Narcoosee, Fla., made to the State through the State Board of Health, and receiving their sanction and indorsement. This philanthropic effort of Dr. Ennis is the first organized attempt to do anything for the unfortunate afflicted with consumption, whether towards strangers or natives, in Florida, and he has generously offered to donate to the State in fee simple this valuable property, provided that the State, through the Board of Health, will appropriate funds to adequately conduct the experiment a sufficient time to determine the feasibility and practicality of such philanthropy.

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His Perseverance.

Henry Arthur Jones, the noted English playwright, was giving the students of Yale an address on the drama. "Your American vernacular is picturesque," he said, "and it should help your playwrights to build strong, racy plays. But neither vernacular nor anything else is of moment if perseverance is lacking. No playwright can succeed who is like a man I know. I said to this man one New Year's day, 'Do you keep a diary, Philip?' 'Yes,' he answered. 'I've kept one for the last seven years.'"

His Good News.

"I have," said a lawyer as he entered his condemned client's cell, "good news at last."

"A reprieve?" eagerly exclaimed the prisoner.

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